

GENEALOGY
OF THE
BIGELOW FAMILY
OF
AMERICA,

FROM THE MARRIAGE IN 1642 OF
JOHN BIGLO AND MARY WARREN

TO THE YEAR 1890.

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May 21, 1823; married, Sept. 5, 1848, Elizabeth Ann Seeley; born in Bethel, Conn., Jan. 28, 1825. They resided in New York, where he died Dec. 4, 1849, leaving one daughter:

4066. AMELIA JESSIE, *b.* Sept. 27, 1849; *m.* Nov. 5, 1885, Samuel Dibble Seelye, M.D.; *res.* Montgomery, Ala. They had:
i. ETHEL BIGELOW, *b.* Sept. 2, 1887.

1143-2504. ELIHU BIGELOW, son of Dea. John and Temperance (Spencer) Bigelow, was born in Colchester, Sept. 5, 1792; married Lydia Lyons; moved to Ohio, where his father had bought a large tract of land. She died and he married second, Hannah Carson. He died in Johnstown, O., Nov. 9, 1821. Their children were:

4067. JOHN LYMAN, *b.* Aug. 21, 1817; *d.* Oct. 31, 1821.
4068. ORRIN SPENCER, *b.* Dec. 25, 1819; *m.* and *res.* Indiana. Has two children.
4069. ELIHU, *b.* Nov. 17, 1821; *res.* Van Wert, O. Has seven children.

1143-2511. JOHN SPENCER BIGELOW, son of Dea. John and Temperance (Spencer) Bigelow, was born in Colchester, March 14, 1807; married in Colchester, Nov. 11, 1829, Caroline Amanda Wells of Haddam, Conn.; born Feb. 12, 1810. They moved to New York State and settled at Conewango, Cattaraugus Co. Their children were:

4070. †JOHN WELLS, *b.* Nov. 5, 1830; *m.* Laura P. Wood.
4071. EMMARIA, *b.* April 15, 1833; *m.* Oct. 11, 1853, James N. Burt. They had:
i. ELLA SOPHIA, *b.* Sept. 17, 1854.
ii. JOHN, *b.* July, 1866.
4072. HARRIET ELIZA, *b.* March 22, 1836.
4073. FRANCIS ASA, *b.* May 15, 1838; *d.* June 15, 1838.
4074. LYDIA ANTOINETTE, *b.* Sept. 17, 1839; *m.* 1869, George E. Seager; *res.* Randolph, N. Y.; no issue.
4075. MARY JANE, *b.* July 5, 1841; *m.* Nov. 23, 1864, Thaddeus Smith. They had:
i. FRANK.
ii. RALPH.
4076. †FRANCIS MARION, *b.* Jan. 29, 1846; *m.*
4077. †CHARLES ASA, *b.* Oct. 30, 1847; *m.*
4078. HANNAH AMANDA, *b.* March 18, 1850.

1143-2512. HON. ISRAEL BENNONI BIGELOW, son of Dea. John and Temperance (Spencer) Bigelow, was born in Colchester, Vt., Sept. 26, 1809; married in Colchester, Nov. 2, 1837, Mary H. Avery; he being recorded as a resident of Selma, Ala. He went to Texas in the days of the Republic and settled in Brownsville, and when the Mexican War broke out, he entered the service and was severely wounded, from the effects of which he

died at Brownsville, Texas, March 29, 1869. From a Brownsville paper we copy the following. "At the conclusion of the Mexican War, he devoted himself to the study of law in the practice of which he has constantly displayed the most indomitable energy and unswerving perseverance; these were the prominent characters of his career as a lawyer. His remarkable energy was strikingly exhibited even during his last sickness. He had several appealed cases in the Supreme Court at Galveston at its last term, despite the fact that he had been for weeks confined to his bed and as his friends believed with slight hopes of ultimate recovery. He had himself conveyed to the steamer at Brazos on a bed placed in an ambulance and in this condition of health proceeded to Galveston. There he attended to business with his usual keenness and activity of mind, and on the breaking up of the Court for want of a quorum, returned home—his work completed—to die. As a man Judge Bigelow was large hearted, kind and generous. He was the idol of the poor and helpless classes of our population especially the Mexicans, for whose stories of want or misfortune he had always a ready, friendly ear, and an open, generous hand. Few men in the community were more thoroughly identified with the growth, progress and prosperity of Brownsville than Judge Bigelow."

When the cholera raged so fearfully in Brownsville and none could be persuaded to bury the dead, and there was no Board of Health to compel them, then Israel B. Bigelow dug graves, read the burial service and buried them himself, and then assumed the responsibility of forming the Mexicans (that were held as prisoners in the city) into gangs and compelled them with others to clean the streets, and ordered food and necessities to be provided at public expense, and by using all possible precautions, soon reduced the death rate, and overcame the epidemic. The acts and other kindnesses to the Texas citizens made him ever dear to them. He was elected Mayor of the City, and one of his first measures was to secure for them proper sanitary regulations for the future. A lawyer by profession, he was made one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Texas. His only child died in infancy. An adopted daughter, Mrs. Hattie Foster, is now living in Jacksonville, Florida.

1151-2513. JAMES BIGELOW, son of Ephraim B. and Anne (Way) Bigelow, was born in Hoosick, N. Y., May 4, 1793;